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## DR. S. L. STEALEY Stealey Elected Southeastern Pres.

WAKE FOREST, N. C. —(BP)— Dr. S. L. Stealey, professor of church history in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been invited by the Board of Trustees to become president of the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary located in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

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## Israel Is A Miracle Terrorism Secures The Land

By DR. DUKE K. McCALL  
Executive Secretary  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Executive Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall (Nashville, Tenn.) and Dr. W. A. Criswell (Dallas, Texas) have just returned from a special mission to various existing and prospective Southern Baptist mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports from Nazareth, Israel.

The new nation Israel is a miracle. In honesty I must add it is an immoral miracle. For the people who have built a nation in just two years I have profound admiration. For the future of the nation I have great hope. For the way the nation began there must be some atonement.

In the 1930's the Jews began to buy back the land. To protect the Arabs the British forbade such sales. The Jews resorted to terrorism to secure the land.

During the war with the Arabs the Jewish radio frightened the Arab leaders and they ordered the Arab people to abandon their businesses, homes, and property.

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## Southern Baptists Baptize 376,085 People Last Year



DR. ROBERT G. LEE

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Church, Memphis, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will give the inspirational message at the Tuesday evening session of the Mississippi Sunday School Convention, in the First Church, Jackson, March 13, using the theme: "The Sunday School and the Evangelistic Crusade."

Dr. Lee is one of our greatest preachers and denominational leaders, and has done a most monumental work through his years of service.

## Membership Exceeds Seven Million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Membership in the 27,788 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention passed the seven million mark for the first time in 1950 to reach 7,079,889, a gain of 318,624 during the year, according to final tabulations released to Southern Baptist editors meeting in Tampa, Tuesday, by Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The gain in membership was made possible by a record breaking number of baptisms during 1950, 376,085, a gain of 41,193 over the preceding year. Routh reported that 23,629 of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention reported at least one baptism. Only 22,565 churches reported baptisms in 1949.

Sunday School enrolment also hit a new record peak with 5,024,553 reported, a gain of 380,903 over 1949, or 8.2%. It was reported that 26,678 of the churches had Sunday schools.

Training Union enrolment climbed 205,754 during the year to reach 1,441,195. The records show that 1,385 new churches started Training Union work during the year to make the total 15,835.

A total of 15,294 churches reported baptisms during the year.

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## BAPTIST EDITORS ELECT CARPENTER; TO MEET IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1952

Tampa, Florida—The Southern Baptist Press Association named Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh, N. C., editor of the Biblical Recorder (N. C.) as president at its annual meeting here. He succeeds Dr. A. L. Goodrich who has served as president during the past year. Other officers elected were: Rev. W. Barry Garrett, Phoenix, Arizona, vice-president, and Rev. Obie Clem, Wichita, Kansas, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Garrett is editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon and Mr. Clem of the Kansas Southern Baptist Beams.

Featured speaker was Dr. John E. Drewrey, dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Georgia.

Other speakers were: Dr. Earl Eddington, pastor of the First Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. Clinton J. Allen, Book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Porter Routh, Statistician for the Southern Baptist Convention; Albert

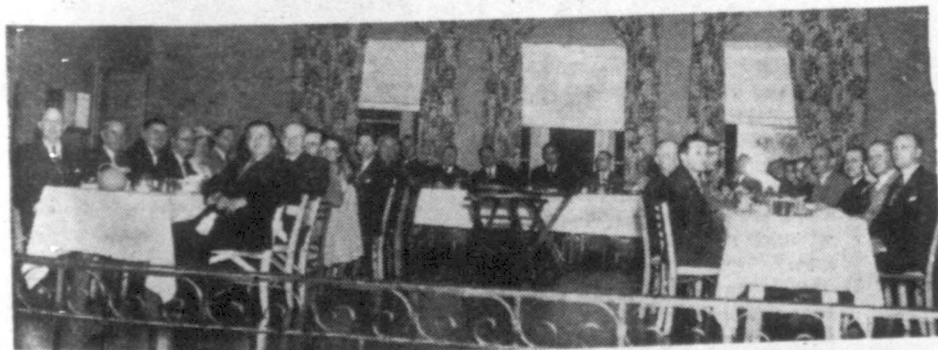
McCellan, director of publication of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Workshop conferences were led by the following editors: Rev. Obie Clem (Kan.), Dr. F. W. Tinnin (La.), John Jeter Hurt, Jr. (Ga.), Dr. L. L. Carpenter (N. C.), and Dr. H. H. McGinty (Mo.).

Dr. W. G. Stracener, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness was host editor and served as toast master at the annual banquet which was provided by the Baptist Witness.

A tour of the city was given the visiting editors on Wednesday afternoon, with several prominent Baptists acting as chauffeurs and guides.

The 1952 session will meet in New Orleans February 12-14, with the Louisiana Baptist Message, the Southern Baptist Hospital and the New Orleans Seminary as joint hosts.



Shown above is a picture of the Southern Baptist Editors seated at the banquet table during the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at Tampa, Fla.

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL TO BUILD ANNEX

Doctors Pledge \$75,000 Of Total Cost Of \$275,000

Construction of a 70-bed annex to the Baptist Hospital here at a cost of \$275,000, to alleviate a critical shortage of beds was unanimously endorsed by the staff and trustees Thursday.

A speedy fund-raising campaign has been kicked off by members of the staff, with \$75,000 in subscriptions already pledged. Completion of the new structure is anticipated on or before Jan. 1, 1952.

Dr. Lawrence W. Long, chairman of special building study committee, said in announcing plans for the annex that the hospital bed shortage here is so acute that any major calamity such as a train wreck, or a storm, would find no beds available for the injured.

"We would just have to place the injured in the auditorium or other emergency wards," he said.

"In the face of this emergency, the board of trustees of the Baptist Hospital has unanimously endorsed plans for construction of a five-story addition to the Baptist Hospital, attached to the present new south wing, and extending east some 85 feet along Carlisle street," he said.

### No Shortages

No shortages of construction materials for this purpose are seen, since hospital construction is not hit by federal cut-backs.

Dr. Long said that the hospital staff

anticipates that the money for construction of the new wing to the hospital can be raised in a very short time.

He said that the eagerness of the hospital staff to apply funds to the purpose is indicative of their realization of the great need for additional facilities here.

The additional beds in the new wing will not call for additional operating room, laboratory, X-ray and other units as would be necessary in the construction of an altogether new hospital. Those facilities presently at Baptist Hospital are adequate to take care of the new beds anticipated.

It is foreseen that about 18 beds will be available on each of the five floors of the new annex.

The committee for development of additional hospital beds, headed by Dr. Long, made its report after a two weeks' exhaustive study of available facilities in Jackson.

Other members of the Committee were Dr. Temple Ainsworth, Dr. Carter O'Farrell, and Dr. Thomas Blake.

### No Beds Available Much of the Time

The general public is to be invited to participate in an all-out fund-raising campaign in order to get additional hospital beds in a city where for two-thirds of the time, there are no beds available.

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## Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists



## Southern Baptists Baptize

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Woman's Missionary Union organizations with an enrolment of 1,033,479.

Brotherhood enrolment reached 167,744 in the 5,076 churches which sponsor the men's organization.

The expanded building program of Southern Baptist churches was revealed by a gain of \$79,010,177 in the valuation of church property. The new church property figure was reported at \$645,271,741, a gain of 17.7% during the year. Even with the large increase in building, there was a gain of only \$2,332,882 in the debts owed by Southern Baptist churches. The figure climbed from \$49,249,425 to \$51,582,307 during the year.

Gains in total gifts and gifts to missions were reported. Total gifts for all causes reached \$197,242,014. This amounted to \$27.86 per capita compared with \$26.38 per capita in 1949. Gifts to missions and benevolences totaled \$33,402,124, a gain of \$2,085,306 over 1949. This amounted to \$4.72 per capita, compared with \$4.63 in 1949.

More Southern Baptist churches reported pastors in 1950. Although there were 503 additional churches reported for the year, the number of churches reporting pastors increased 1,105 with 25,093 of the 27,788 churches reporting ministers.

Congregations also took note of the rising cost of living. The average salary paid the pastors climbed 8.5% during the year.

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## Baptist Hospital To Build

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at all for emergency cases or otherwise.

Members of the board of trustees who endorsed the hospital annex plan and called for the fund-raising campaign are Harvey Hedgepeth, president; D. C. Simmons, vice president; Dr. J. P. Wall, secretary; Owen Cooper, Zack Hederman, John E. Stone, W. C. Hester, C. A. Roper, all of Jackson; Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Rev. D. L. Stennis, Meridian; Rev. Vernon May, Hollandale; Dr. George Townsend, Morton; John Yarbrough, Pickens, and Percy Simpson, Flora.

J. M. Spain, of Jackson, is the architect drawing plans for the new addition.

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## Stealey Elected

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Carolina.

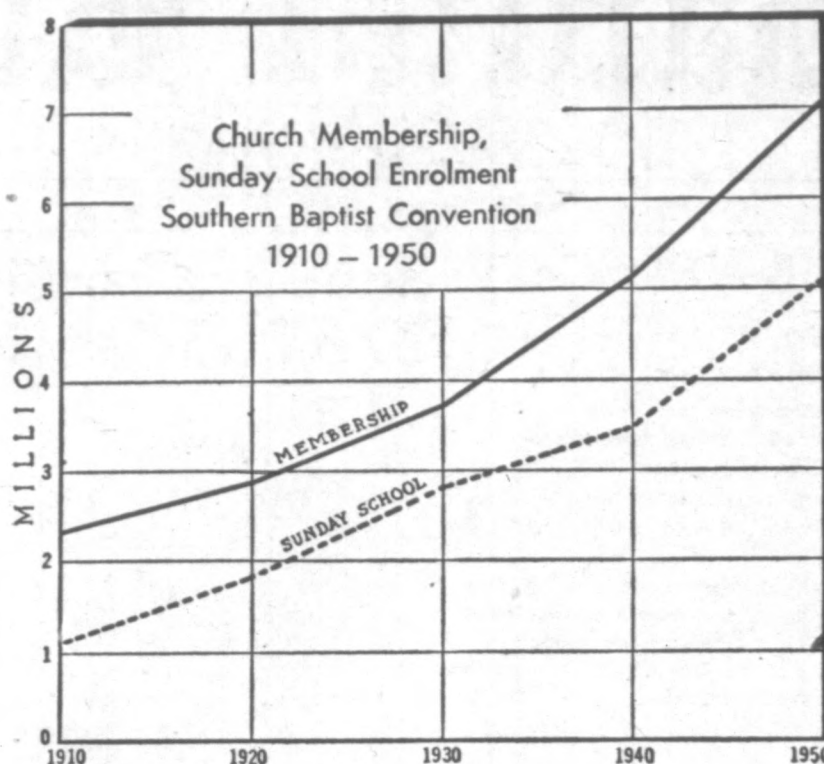
Dr. Stealey has been with the seminary since 1942. Before that he served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, and North Carolina. His last pastorate was at First Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

A native of West Virginia, Stealey spent his boyhood in Virginia, Washington, D. C., and Oklahoma. His father, the late C. P. Stealey, was founder and first editor of THE BAPTIST MESSENGER, state paper for Oklahoma.

Dr. Stealey graduated from high school at Britton, Oklahoma. He took his college work in Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Oklahoma. Following a term of service in World War I he taught at William Jewell College in Missouri. He received his Th. M. from Southern Seminary in 1927 and his Th. D. in 1932.

Mrs. Stealey is the former Miss Jessie Wheeler of Wynnewood, Oklahoma. They have two children, a daughter, Mrs. F. K. Vance of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and a son, S. L. Jr.

The new seminary is scheduled to open its first session next September.



## Charles Wellborn To Wed in March

WACO, Texas —(BP)— Charles Wellborn, Southern Baptist Radio Hour speaker, will marry Miss Mary Elizabeth Hood at Belzoni, on March 11.

The bride-elect attended Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss., and is now a student at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where she is a member of Alpha Omega, social club, and secretary of the Junior Class. She has been featured among the campus beauties for two years.

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## Israel Is A Miracle

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farms, and flee for their lives.

Thus the visitor to Palestine is amazed to find whole villages and adjoining orchards abandoned. Homes, shops, goods, everything was left to be appropriated by the new nation.

Across the border the once prosperous Arabs live in refugee camps. These camps make the European D.P. camps, from which a million Jews have come to Israel, seem like a summer spent on a dude ranch.

Unfortunately for themselves the Arabs are stupid propagandists. For example, they let me go where I pleased, talk with whom I pleased, but provided a police escort to see that I did not take any pictures of their horrible refugee camps.

Ten days spent driving all over Jewish Israel and Arab Trans-Jordan won all my sympathy for the Jewish people who have at last made a national home and won all my sense of justice for adequate recompense for the displaced Arabs. I approve of the United States' support of the nation Israel. Somewhere, however, our advocacy of human rights must remember the Arabs.

The Jews originally wanted to buy the land. The British tried to dam back the flow of history by refusing to allow it. The dam broke with tragedy for all. Now the word "immoral" must be wiped out of the miracle of the birth of a nation.

With most Christians I look upon the Jewish people as especially chosen and favored of God. I visited Israel not because I was interested in the new nation. I visited it because two thousand years ago in that land "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus of Nazareth was that Son.

## HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour on Sunday afternoon, February 25.

The following stations in MISSISSIPPI carry the Baptist Hour program:

WJMB	Brookhaven	1:30 PM
WACR	Columbus	2:30 PM
WJPR	Greenville	6:00 PM
WSLI	Jackson	1:30 PM
WMBC	Macon	2:30 PM
WAPF	McComb	2:30 PM
WCOC	Meridian	2:30 PM

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## PASTOR HENRY WOOD

WHEREAS the Lord in his divine wisdom saw fit to take from this life Pastor Henry Wood, and,

WHEREAS the loss of his service to the churches of Smith County Association will be keenly felt, and,

WHEREAS we, his fellow pastors, know his work to be a great and lasting contribution to the church of Jesus Christ, and,

WHEREAS we grieve in our loss of one of our leaders,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that our love and sympathy goes out to the wife and family in this hour; to the end that we join them in their sorrow and in their hope of the happy day when we shall see him again.

Smith County Pastor's Conference  
Q. E. FLOYD, Moderator  
G. T. HENDERSON, Clerk

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## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 26—Rev. Paul Harwood, President, District V Training Union; Mrs. Winnie Cockermham, house mother, Baptist Orphanage.

February 27—M. B. Ellzey, Comptroller, Baptist Hospital; Mrs. T. H. Jones, Johnson Hostess, Woman's College.

February 28—J. E. Lane, Treasurer, Baptist Building; F. O. Oliver, Attala Associational Brotherhood President.

March 1—Dr. C. L. Deever, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. Cora Byrd, Kemper Associational WMU Superintendent.

March 2—Percy Barnett, Clarke College faculty; Miss Jane Ray Bean, Student Secretary, Blue Mountain College.

March 3—J. D. Hooks, Carroll Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Earl Thornton, Smith Associational Training Union Director.

March 4—Miss Jean Lowery, Blue Mountain faculty.

## A Book For Conservation Of Results In Evangelism

C. E. MATTHEWS

At last, a program for conservation of results in evangelism that is practical, adequate, workable, and unified for all churches, regardless of size or location, has been worked out, printed in book form, and is available to all who desire it. The booklet entitled, *Your Life and Your Church*, (35c), was written by James L. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, and was edited and published by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. The chapters and subjects are as follows:

CHAPTER ONE: THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE. This chapter is the stop-gap for disillusioned persons who unite with the church without experiencing regeneration.

CHAPTER TWO: THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. This chapter is the clearest and most concise interpretation of the meaning of church membership as taught in the New Testament that the writer has ever read.

CHAPTER THREE: WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU. This lesson sets out simply and clearly to the new church member how the church can (1) direct his worship life, (2) teach him the Word of God, (3) train him in church membership, (4) enlarge his missionary vision, (5) assign definite tasks to perform, and (6) train him in the greatest of all Christian service, soul-winning.

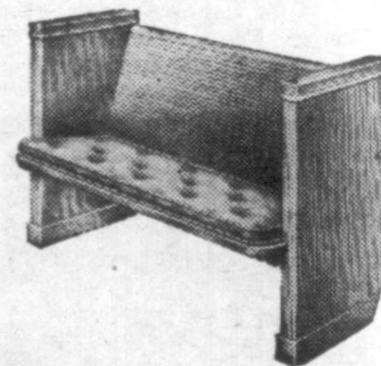
CHAPTER FOUR: WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CHURCH. Here the new convert is shown the many channels of service offered him by his church and how to cooperate with other Christians.

CHAPTER FIVE: YOUR ALL FOR CHRIST. This closing chapter is a powerful and irresistible appeal to the new church member to present his body and life as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.

This class is to be taught at the Training Union hour, sponsored by the Training Union, and those present numbered in the total attendance.

This booklet is the missing link in Southern Baptist work. Long have our churches suffered because there has been no definite and unified program of enlistment for new church members.

Editor's Note: Dr. Sullivan is a Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary. He was formerly pastor at Clinton and Brookhaven.



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# Special Rallies For Crusades

By CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary

(NOTE: The following statement was written by Rev. Basil C. Berry, pastor of the Carbondale Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was used in the campaign "west-of-the-river" last year. C. L. Q.)

## General

The special rallies in your association should be held prior to the Simultaneous Revival Crusades. The rallies should be under the direction of the "Special Rallies Chairman." The chairman should plan the rallies in cooperation with the revival Steering Committee and the associational officers. An excellent reference concerning these rallies is found in the handbook, "The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism," by C. E. Matthews, pages 76-80.

## I. The Purpose of the Rallies.

- A. To secure a representative attendance from each of the churches participating in the crusade.
  1. Set goals for the churches.
  2. Advertise the rallies to secure attendance.
- B. An opportunity to acquaint the people with the chief aspects of the simultaneous crusade.
  1. Use the rally to thoroughly acquaint the people with the revival plans.
  2. Use the rallies to urge faithfulness of the people, especially the church leaders.
- C. To inspire the people through the speaker's message to give an all-out effort to win souls.
  1. The rallies should be conducted on a high inspirational plane.
  2. Be sure to use inspiring personalities for this purpose.

## II. Types of Rallies.

- A. Men's Rally.
  1. This rally should be under the direction of the Brotherhood.
  2. It should be held at night.
  3. The Brotherhood should set goals for attendance from respective churches.
  4. A meal can be served if it fits into the associational program. However, one should be careful to guard against making it just a good-time meeting. The rally should stay on the main line and put the revival objectives ahead of everything else.
- B. Women's Rally.
  1. This rally should be under the direction of the associational Women's Missionary Union.
  2. This rally should be held on a morning in a centrally located church.
  3. Attendance goals should be set for the churches.
  4. The program should be similar to the men's with a great emphasis on the revival plans and a good message on evangelism.
- C. Youth Rally.
  1. This rally should be held on Saturday night, one week before the revival begins. It should be held in a centrally located church.
  2. Attendance objectives should be set for each church.
  3. The Training Union should direct this rally.
  4. The young people themselves should be urged to participate in this program. Positively do not let the adults take this meeting away from the young people.

## D. Musicians' Rally.

1. For song leaders and choir members.
2. Attendance objectives should be set for the various church choirs.
3. Have some good speaker who will really stress what is the proper type of music for revivals.
4. This is one of the most important rallies preceding the simultaneous crusade. Music can be one of the most deciding factors in the success of revivals.

## III. Suggestions for Planning and Carrying out Good Rallies.

- A. Plan the program very carefully.
  1. Plans should be made well ahead of time and speakers engaged as early as possible.
  2. The program plans should be made in cooperation with the Steering Committee and with the associational officers and leaders.
  3. Keep on the main subject. Do not allow the rally to get off on matters beside the point. Keep stressing the definite revival plans.
  4. Start the programs on time and keep them moving. Do not permit them to drag.
- B. Attendance Record.
  1. The special rally chairman should keep a record of the attendance at the rally and make them a part of the revival reports.
  2. Attendance should be stimulated, especially among the church leaders.

## IV. Conclusion.

The rallies should be used to promote definite revival plans. They may be good in other respects, but if they fail to boost the revivals and to make the revivals more successful they have failed on the main thing.

## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Clinton  
Called and Accepted:  
L. D. White, First, Centerville, Texas  
from Casa Grande, Phoenix, Arizona.  
T. T. Reynolds, First, Splendoria, Texas, from Field worker, Arizona.  
W. W. Clifford, Oak Hill, Fla., from Deatsville, Ala.  
Harold J. Purdy, Belmont Heights, Nashville, Tenn., from First, Bowling Green, Kentucky.  
John L. Tillery, Whiteville, N. C., from Philadelphia, Tenn.  
J. Wayne Levan, Hilliard Memorial, High Point, North Carolina, from Beulah.  
Yancy C. Elliott, Ocean View, Norfolk, Va., from First Sanford, Va.  
R. Oren Bradley, Stovall Church, from missionary, Yates Association, N. C.  
R. G. Mace, Catawba Heights, N. C., from Olivet.  
John T. Lennon, Lambert and Bethel churches near Roxboro, N. C., from Epesus.  
Fred Scott, Enterprise, N. C., from Creek Heights, Durham, N. C.  
A. L. McGee, Cardova, N. C.  
Joseph G. Miller, Bryson City, N. C., from First Blum, Texas.  
Ray J. Brown, Oak Hill, Sabine Association, La., from Wallace, La.  
J. Paul Palmer, First, Washington, Mo., from First, Alamo, Tenn.  
Guy Lewis, Zion, Red River Parish, La., from Homer Oil Field Church.  
Charlie C. Henderson, First Grace-mont, Okla., from Pleasantview.  
G. F. Benter, First, Rio Grande City, Texas, from Eagle Pass.  
Marian Frank, Fergusson Church, Dallas, Texas.

## FANT LICENSED AT EVERGREEN CHURCH



DENNY L. FANT

The Evergreen Church in Winston County licensed Denny L. Fant to the full Gospel Ministry.

Since this time Mr. Fant has had many opportunities to bring his testimony and messages of inspiration in churches around Louisville.

He is a student at Clarke Memorial College, and is available for supply work and revivals.

The Evergreen Church highly recommends Mr. Fant as a sincere, earnest, God-called minister. Mr. Fant's address is R. F. D. #5, Louisville Mississippi.

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## Mississippian Named President Of R. E. Club At Southwestern

Four Mississippi students will serve as officers for the Religious Education Club at Southwestern Seminary during the 1951-52 session. In addition, two will work on standing committees.

Robert McKee, Brookhaven, will be president of the club. A 1950 graduate of Mississippi College, he succeeds Richard Kay of Eldon, Missouri, to the office.

Other officers include Miss Monte McMahan, Batesville, vice-president; Miss Frances Bibb, Drew, social chairman; and Horace Kerr, Louisville, off-campus representative. Beverly Hodges, Bonita, and Mary F. Kirkpatrick, Noxapater, will serve on the Program Committee.

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## Four Sons Serve As Deacons

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith, who for a long time have been members of the Lucien Church, have four sons—all of whom are deacons in their respective churches.

Their sons and the churches in which they serve as deacons are: Claude, Emmanuel Church, Hattiesburg; Fred, 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; Monroe, Fernwood Church, Gulfport, and Luther, Roseland Church, Roseland, Louisiana.

All of the sons were converted at the Lucien Church.

## MC Choir Presents Sacred Program

CLINTON, Miss., Feb. 16—The Mississippi College Choral Choir under the direction of Prof. Elsey will give three sacred programs in Vicksburg Sunday, February 25, singing at 11 o'clock at Bowmar Ave., at Immanuel at 2:30 and at the First Church at 7:30.

The choir will give many programs during the spring in churches in reach of Clinton. They are now working on "The Seven Last Words of Jesus" and this will constitute one of the programs that will be given.

About 45 students make up the Choral Choir. Mrs. Grace M. Elsey is accompanist.

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## HIGHLAND BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED IN LAUREL

Sixteen men from the Highland Church, Laurel, met Friday evening, February 9, in the Cluis Wheelis home for a Brotherhood organizational meeting.

After a delicious supper, Rev. James Hurt, pastor of the Highland Church, gave the obligations and qualifications involved in becoming a member of the Brotherhood.

Proposed aims and work program for the group were discussed, after which the new organization elected the following officers: Cluis Wheelis, president; Ray Moffett, membership vice-president; Charles Newberry, activities vice-president; R. A. Brannon, program vice-president; Farve Montgomery, secretary-treasurer.

The Brotherhood chose as their project for the coming month the participation of each member in the forthcoming Simultaneous Revival March 25-April 8.

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## CHERRY CREEK COMPLETES STUDY COURSE

The Cherry Creek Church in Pontotoc County had an average attendance of 110 during the study course February 11-14.

The pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, taught the adults, using the book "The Bible and Prayer." Three seniors at Blue Mountain taught the other classes: Miss Faye Wilkes taught the Intermediates, Miss Miriam Preston the Juniors, and Miss Maurine Sparkman, the story hour.

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## County Line Ordains Deacons

On February 11, County Line Baptist Church, Jones County, ordained two deacons to the deaconship of the church.

After questioning by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dubose, and Rev. E. E. Fairchilds of Runnelstown, the council voted to proceed with the ordination.

Mr. Fairchilds preached the sermon, Mr. Dubose led the prayer and the laying on of hands by all ordained deacons present.

The two ordained were; J. W. West and Morris Woodward.

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## Revivals Should Result In Baptisms

Evangelism is not finished when the census is finished and the prospects are won. Every revival meeting ought to end in the baptismal waters. It is often said and rightly so that when souls are saved they are saved from something and also saved to something. Likewise when we win them they are won from something and they are won to something else the winning is not complete.

The report of the number baptized is not enough. Many impressive records at the baptismal pool would lose all power to impress if followed beyond there. The task of evangelism is only finished when those added to the church are themselves busy as evangelists. In John's Gospel the fourth chapter we see the cycle of evangelism finished when the woman who came to the well to draw water is at work leading others to him who is the source of living water. Thus it should be in the Simultaneous Crusade of this year nineteen hundred and fifty one.

This task of "folding them" is more than getting them to join the church or to be baptized. It's a matter of the new birth and the spiritual unity resulting therefrom. A demand for "fruits meet repentance" should be made upon those who come for membership in our churches. But we must too place upon their hearts the responsibilities and expectations of church membership as well as urging upon them the acceptance of these as their hope of success in the Christian life.

Let it not be said of us then in the crusade this year—"These ye ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Those

who shepherd the sheep must never be satisfied just with the others moving as the others as they go in and out to find pasture and to render service. Remember our Saviour said, "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?" But let us be mindful that they are not really found until they are in their places in the fold with the flock. To that end let our labors be directed as we fellow Jesus into the work of fishing for men.

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## Wages and Prices Up

The January 26 issue of the Clarion-Ledger reports that food prices are up. However, this space was wasted for any person who has purchased anything in the last few weeks knows that. They know it from a financial and a pocket-book standpoint. According to the Clarion-Ledger, retail food prices were up 5.4 per cent above prices in December 1949 and 43.1 per cent higher than June 1946. Other dispatches report that food prices have risen more than 10 per cent since last June.

Almost every day there is a news report where this concern or that concern has raised wages. We are awaiting to hear if any church has raised the pastor's salary since June. Those that have not, are paying them less in purchasing power than they did in June.

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## Padded Church Rolls

Writing in the Biblical Recorder (N. C.) W. F. Williams discusses a matter that should concern most Baptist churches. According to Mr. Williams:

"There appeared in a recent issue of *Charity and Children* an article copied from the *Alabama Baptist* in which it was stated that in 1939 'one of the warmest, most evangelistic churches in the state' deleted 780 names of its membership, and the pastor of that church stated recently there were now 800 names on the

church roll of persons who could not be found. Here is the record of 'one of the warmest, most evangelistic' Baptist churches in Alabama having had in ten years 1,580 names on its roll of those who could not be found."

Mr. Williams did not cite this church as a horrible example but to call attention to a situation which raises the question of simple honesty. Is it honest for a church to claim and report as its members such as to whom reference has been made? He asks, "Who is prepared to justify this prevalent practice in our Baptist churches?"

Another question is raised by Mr. Williams: why are so many church rolls padded with names of those who are gone, unknown, or dead spiritually if not physically? The answer according to him is twofold: (1) the ambition of pastors and churches to report gains in membership; (2) the easy entrance into church membership.

Continuing Mr. Williams says:

"To claim as a requisite to membership, repentance, conversion, a new birth, and immersion, while so many are admitted whose lives later show no tangible evidence of either is a strong presumption that it is too easy to become a member of a Baptist church. With the abolition of all but the most perfunctory examination of applicants for church membership, keen competition and ambition for numbers have well-nigh made obsolete the gospel as preached by John the Baptist, who told some who asked for baptism: 'Produce fruit that will be consistent with your professed repentance! (Good-speed).'"

According to Mr. Williams the issue seems to be that of numerical preponderance against spiritual regeneration and it should not be difficult to decide which should take precedence or which makes the larger contribution to the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth. The padded church roll deserves prayerful consideration and

wise action.

We recall that a few years ago a church with a membership roll of more than 4,000 decided to try to locate each member. After continued effort approximately 2,500 members were located!

The Immanuel Church of Paducah, Kentucky, had the same problem. After carefully going over the membership roll it was discovered that 1,222 of the members could not be found. The pastor, Rev. Wayne Dehoney recommended and the church voted unanimously to cut the roll from its reported membership of 2,400 to 1,178. The church also adopted the following policy:

"The church roll shall consist of all resident members whose addresses we have, and with whom we keep in contact. All of the unknown names of the church roll are to be taken from the active membership list and filed in the back of the membership book and not counted as members of the church.

According to Pastor Dehoney, "This action has been needed for years. . . . Our problem is not ours alone, however, as the Southern Baptist Convention officials estimate that there are over two million Southern Baptists out of the six million listed on our rolls that are unknown and lost to the churches listing them."

We do not suggest a wholesale cleanup but we do think that most churches have names that should be removed. Certainly people who do not show enough interest in their church membership to come or give, who move away without even leaving their address should not be carried on a church roll. It is unfair to the faithful.

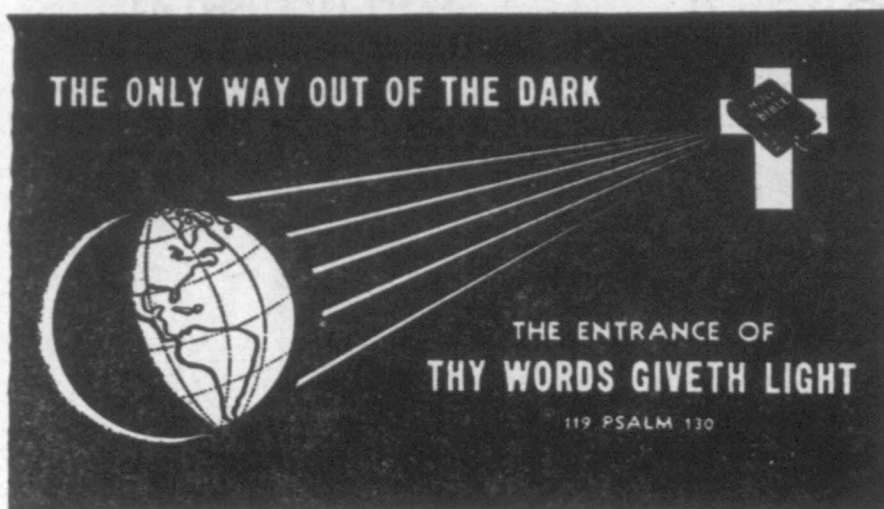
When we look at the minutes of an association and see that a certain church reports so many members, we expect that church to do a work in keeping with that number.

We arrive at per capita gifts by dividing the total gifts by the total membership. If one-third or more of those members have moved away or take no part in giving or attending, the figure arrived at is not a correct one.

In other words, many of our churches have lots of dead timber on their church rolls.

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**NEW YORK—TWENTY-FIVE LEADING** Protestant ministers have contributed to a volume designed to enrich the service of the Lord's Supper for both pastor and congregation. Their book, *COMMUNION MEDITATIONS*, (\$2), edited by Gaston Foote, is published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press of Nashville, Tenn. It is a collection of 25 brief sermons, or preludes, planned to restore meaning and beauty to the memorial service which Jesus asked of his followers saying, "Do this in remembrance of me."





## Our Readers Write

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

My answer to the question of Brother Bonnett in the Record of Jan. 25 is that the proclamation in the different tongues was a preparation for the sermon delivered by the Apostle Peter.

Hearing the Gospel in their own language created an interest on the part of the different nationalities present and this led to the attention which brought about the results following the sermon.

My observation has been that comparatively few people get their first impressions from the sermon preached from the pulpit; but from some one who has spoken to them on a common level. Words from parents, Sunday school teachers or personal workers have a great influence. Personal Evangelism always precedes successful Mass Evangelism.

I do not believe there would have been 3,000 converts at the close of Peter's sermon had not the story been told first in all the different languages. Neither do I believe the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade will reach the peak we desire if there is not a lot of personal evangelism.

If parents, teachers and personal workers speak in familiar terms to the unsaved these will respond more readily to the message of the minister.

BRYAN SIMMONS

San Marcos, Texas

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I enjoy the "Record."

Apart from the educational enlistment you foster, your informing articles on other subjects are fine. Baptists must be informed of the threats and dangers of the Kingdom work.

May God give you wisdom every day.

V. L. DAVID

Dear Editor:

These are some of the evidences of salvation as I have found them through the love of God, and all can receive salvation if they believe in God, our only hope.

First: Old things pass away.

In the first memory verse we are told that if any man be in Christ he is a new creature (A Christian). Old things pass away; all things become new. Old desires, old ideas, old habits, old ambitions, and old dispositions—everything of the old nature begins to pass away. Just like the leaves of a tree fall off, then a new life is manifested. It is the new life that pushes off the old. Just so it is in the Christian. Then the things he once loved are no longer attractive to him, but the things he once disliked he then loves because a new life, a new heart, a new mind and a new nature has been restored.

Second: He loves the people of God.

When a person is born again his worldly companions leave him and he finds companionship with Christian people.

Third: He has a spiritual appetite.

He enjoys reading the Bible, the bread of Life. God's Word becomes food for his hungry soul, and more and more he desires to feed upon it.

Four: Everyone has a Spiritual conflict.

Sometimes a person experiences a conflict between the flesh and the spirit for the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh and the two are contrary, the one to the other.

I am not discouraged because I have experienced this, but I rejoice because I know that God has begun a new work in me and "I need Thee every hour."

MRS. PAUL L. JONES  
Jackson, Miss.

DAMASCUS CHURCH IN FRANKLIN County will hold their Annual Home Coming Day on March 4.

## Sunday School and Training Union Attendance

February 18, 1951

Hattiesburg, Main Street	919	275
Laurel, Second Avenue	427	105
Durant, First	260	110
Jackson, Crestwood	603	379
Jackson, Southside	286	136
East Fork (Amite County)	90	45
Jackson, First	1,331	482
Broadmoor	134	40
Parkway	886	291
Parkway Chapel	98	65
East Side	120	74
Paul Truitt (Rankin Co.)	199	136
Springfield (Scott County)	91	30
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	175	97
Jackson, Van Winkle	468	263
Jackson, Calvary	1,322	336
Calvary Mission	25	19
Gulfport, First	788	268
South McComb	200	17
Newton	500	217
Brookhaven, First	1,022	376
Main School	797	246
Hamilton Street Chapel	105	57
Central Chapel	120	73
Bruce	261	99
Clarksdale	645	135
Sand Hill (Jones County)	80	64
Corinth, Tate Street	277	107
Friendship (Pike County)	136	68
Crystal Springs, First	642	148
East Louisville	95	74
Salem (Lauderdale County)	68	50
Laurel, Highland	95	62
Lucedale	322	136
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	90	41
East McComb	414	194
New Hope (Marion County)	142	120
Moak's Creek (Lincoln Co.)	163	104
Magnolia, First	260	130
Mission	71	97
Grenada, First	679	353
Columbus, First	958	205
Kosciusko, First	624	80
Houston, First	183	79
Bethlehem (Scott County)	128	137
Louisville, First	471	50
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	90	66
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	102	45
Greenwood (Pike County)	68	147
New Prospect (Lincoln Co.)	157	102
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	96	129
Calhoun City, First	291	100
Bethlehem (Jones County)	136	109
West Laurel	380	77
Florence, Steen's Creek	151	444
Pascagoula, First	821	242
Main School	583	58
Eastlawn Mission	67	76
Unity Mission	73	58
Orange Grove Mission	39	77
McArthur Mission	25	185
Jackson Avenue Mission	34	97
Meridian, First	655	147
Highland	502	75
Fifteenth Avenue	436	85
Fifteenth Avenue Chapel	31	84
South Side	322	33
Forty-First Avenue	308	80
Eighth Avenue	304	104
Oak Grove	130	134
Key Field	98	63
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Chapel Hill (Hinds County)	79	104
Bethlehem (Jones County)	104	104
New Hope (Marion County)	141	134
McComb, Locust Street	63	50
Salem (Lauderdale County)	85	48
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	75	104
Columbus, East End	202	38
Union Chapel	47	171
(Chickasaw County)	601	67
Crystal Springs, First	99	99
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc Co.)	99	195
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	158	
Tupelo, Harrisburg	479	

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THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the Lauderdale County Baptist Pastors' Conference concerning Dr. Norman W. Cox, who recently resigned in order to become Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission. The resolutions cited the outstanding work of Dr. Cox, his wise counsel, his denominational service, his pastoral service, and his consecrated living. The issue of January 18 also carried resolutions concerning Dr. Cox, adopted by the First Church, Meridian.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### THE BAPTIST RECORD DOESN'T COST CHURCHES, IT PAYS

Sometime ago, Dr. D. M. Gardner, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, wrote an editorial entitled, "It Doesn't Cost, It Pays." Below we reproduce a part of that thought-provoking editorial.

Dr. Gardner should know for the Baptist Standard has the largest total circulation of any Southern Baptist state paper. We call attention to the fact that all that Dr. Gardner says is applicable to the Baptist Record as well as any of our Southern Baptist state papers.

In other words, the Baptist Record costs the church nothing. Its influence on finances, as well as all other phases of church life more than pays the small cost.

Churches with the Baptist Record have an advantage over the few that do not have it. But read what editor Gardner wrote:

The continued phenomenal growth of the circulation of the Baptist Standard is proof that the churches of Texas are convinced that placing the paper in the church budget and sending it into each church home is a paying proposition. It pays financially.

That is not the main thing in the life of a Baptist church, but laymen who are interested keep a watchful eye on the financial side of church life. They are to be commended for so doing. Laymen have discovered that it does not cost, it pays the church, to invest ten cents per month in an effort to keep Baptists informed.

Intelligent people do not put money into projects that they know nothing about. It has been proved a thousand times here in Texas that Baptists will support worthy causes when they are informed.

We have many fine, intelligent Baptist laymen and women in Texas. They know why they are Baptists, and know the worth of propagating Baptist principles. They are responsible for the amazing amount of money Texas Baptists are giving each year.

Preachers and laymen have not been slow to observe that the increase in the number of givers and the amounts given to churches and to the Cooperative Program and the increase in the circulation of the Baptist Standard have gone together, hand in hand, step by step.

We repeat: it will pay any church in dollars and cents to send good literature into the homes of the people. But it does more; it pays spiritually. If we will keep our people informed they will know what is right, and when they are spiritually toned up they will do right.

### JANUARY HELPERS

Many Mississippi Baptist churches aided the Baptist Record in its effort to reach 69,000 circulation during January. Although the 69,000 mark has not yet been reached the circulation continues

## Armstrong Ordained



OSCAR F. ARMSTRONG

Oscar Franklin Armstrong has been ordained by the Gunnison Church. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and also studied at Tulane and Mississippi State. He is now a student at Southwestern Seminary.

Those taking part in the ordination were: Rev. Charles Everett, Rev. W. C. Sledge, Rev. Carmon Savell and the pastor, Rev. H. T. Rich.

Rev. Charles Everett, the Bolivar County Missionary was clerk; Rev. W. C. Sledge of First Church, Boyle, gave the charge to the candidate and church; Rev. Carmon Savell of the First Church of Merigold preached the sermon, and Rev. H. T. Rich, pastor of Gunnison and Rosedale churches, was moderator.

Mr. Armstrong has volunteered as a Navy Chaplain.

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### NEW ORLEANS BAPTISTS DISAVOW RADIO PROGRAM

The Executive Board of the New Orleans Baptist Association, acting for the Association ad interim and given full power to act by the Association in its last annual meeting, passed the following:

That the New Orleans Baptist Association dissociate itself from the work of Rev. L. R. Shelton, Sr., and from the First Baptist Church, Algiers, Louisiana, of which he is pastor until such time as its conduct and ministry are approved satisfactory for fellowship by the New Orleans Baptist Association.

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to grow and the time is not far off when the Baptist Record circulation will be 69,000.

Among the leading churches in helping on the 69,000 drive are: Calvary, Lawrence County, with 16 additions to their EVERY FAMILY list; Harrisburg, Tupelo, 35; First, Hattiesburg, 11; First, Jackson, 17; Pearlhaven, Brookhaven, 10; Seminary, 22; Spring Creek, Nesboba, 30.

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### NEW ADULT WORKER IN TRAINING UNION



HARVEY T. GIBSON

We are very happy to announce to all of our Baptist People that Harvey T. Gibson of Raleigh, North Carolina, is the new director of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds John H. Jeffers, who is now the pastor of First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

Mr. Gibson is a native of South Carolina. He was graduated from Greenville Baptist Academy in 1924, and from Furman University with the A.B. degree in 1928. He holds the M.A. degree in English from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 1934. He also did some work on his doctorate at Duke in 1938 and '39.

Mr. Gibson was the teacher of English in Simpsonville High School in South Carolina from 1928 through 1931. He was principal of that school from 1929 to 1931. He taught English in the Durham, North Carolina, high school from 1931 to 1938. Following that he was English Teacher in North Carolina State College in Raleigh from 1939 to 1944.

Mr. Gibson has had a rich experience in Training Union work as a worker in the churches of which he has been a member and as Training Union secretary of North Carolina from 1944 to 1951.

Mrs. Gibson is an accomplished musician, having taught music in the grammar grades in Springfield, South Carolina; West Columbia, South Carolina; and in Raleigh, North Carolina. This fine couple have two children, Taylor Gibson, age 3½, and Betty Gibson, age 2.

The Baptist workers throughout the South are receiving Mr. Gibson enthusiastically in his new work.

The Adult work of the Training Union is making phenomenal progress. Mr. Gibson comes into the leadership of this work in the day of its greatest opportunity. We predict a great future for the Adult work and for Mr. Gibson in this challenging field of service.

A word from our State Convention President, W. Otis Seal predicts that 1951 is going to be a great year in Training Union. He partly judges this from the fine spirit manifested at the State Training Union Convention. He says "Our plans are to major in Training Union work in our church. Things are looking good now. We hope to have 600 enrolled by the end of the year with an average attendance of 400."

### THE INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL TO BE HELD IN EACH DISTRICT TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

A leaflet on the Intermediate Sword Drill containing the Unfinished Quota-

tion, Character and Doctrinal Drills we will use in our District Convention this Summer will be sent you upon request. We will also use the Scripture Searching Drill and the Book Drill. We are not interested in developing just one individual to the exclusion of all others. We desire greatly that each leader will make much of the sword drill all through the year, training ALL the members in the use of the Bible.

The plan for our contest is for the union to select two swordsmen, the boy with the highest score and the girl with the highest score. They will represent the church in the Associational Elimination Contest. The winners there, the boy with the highest score and the girl with the highest score will represent the association in the District Convention. The winners, the boy with the highest score and the girl with the highest score at the District Convention will enter the State Intermediate Sword Drill to be held at the State Training Union Convention in December. For the State Convention Sword Drill, we will use the drills given in the quarterlies January 1-December 31. The unfinished quotation drills will be the memory verses given in the quarterlies January-December. If your association does not have an elimination contest, your church winners, a boy and a girl, not two girls or two boys, may come to the District Convention and take part in the drill.

The Intermediate who wins first place in the State Convention will be eligible to represent Mississippi in the Southwide Intermediate Sword Drill at Ridgecrest.

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### AVAILABLE FOR CRUSADE

Believe it or not, but workers in the Baptist Headquarters Building can preach. Most of them already have been engaged for the Evangelistic Crusade, but latest reports are that J. E. Lane, W. R. Roberts and Martin J. Gilbert are available for revival meetings during the Evangelistic Crusade.

Other workers in the Baptist Building are engaged for the Evangelistic Crusade as follows: Rev. Chester Quarles, First Church, West Point; Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Drexel, North Carolina; Dr. H. L. Spencer, First Church, Greenville; C. W. Horner, Phillip; Dr. E. C. Williams, first week Hickory Ridge, Rankin County, second week, Utica; Paul Boothe, Providence, Bolivar County; Auber J. Wilds, Noxapater; W. C. Morgan, Quitman (music).

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MACON, GA.—(BP)—GEORGIA BAPTISTS have set a goal of 75,000 baptisms in 1951—or more than twice the record in the past year. The goal was set by the Georgia evangelistic conference when plans for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade March 25-April 8 were advanced. Reports from associational chairmen indicated almost 2,000 of the state's 2,600 Baptist churches had committed themselves to participate in the Crusade.

## Woman's College Honor Roll Released

A report just released from the registrar's office of Mississippi Woman's College for the first semester reveals that the following girls have qualified for the all "A" list, the honor roll, and the Dean's list. In order to make the honor roll, a freshman must make an average of B or more, and the Dean's list is made up of upperclassmen who have made an average of B or more.

Students making all "A's" are: Charlene Allman, Louisville; Martha Green, Leaf; Ardath Jones, Laurel; Stella Mora, Bogota, Colombia, S. A.; Annie Vera Oden, Hattiesburg; Joyce Osborn, Norwalk, Conn.; Gaynell Rouse, Cleveland; Carmen Salazar, Medellin, Colombia, S. A.; Helen Sansing, Stringer; Betty Jo Shields, Hattiesburg; Joann Weaver, Hattiesburg.

Freshmen making the Honor Roll: Wanda Lee Crow, Brookhaven; Mary Ann Hester, Jackson; Margaret Hollingsworth, Byram; Ruth Murray, Summerland; Grace Mora, Bogota, Colombia, S. A.; Nubia Osorio, Medellin, Colombia, S. A.

Upperclassmen appearing on the Dean's list: Hilda Barber, Carriere; Louise Busby, Hattiesburg; Janet Campbell, Pachuta; Charlene Carpenter, Hattiesburg; Annette Cochran, Waynesboro; Patricia Collins, Bude; Ann Craney, Lexington; Joyce Dabbs, Hattiesburg; Sue Draughn, New Augusta; Margaret Enslin, Hattiesburg; Margaret Ann Evans, Hattiesburg; Marian Graham, Decatur; Margie Fike, McLain; Margaret Haile, Helena, Ark.; Margie Ruth Harrison, Laurel; Betty Hart, Sandy Hook; Marilyn Hughes, Louin; Cynthia Sue Liles, Hattiesburg; Laynette Long, Meridian; Rachel Monk, Laurel; Martha Sullivan, Hattiesburg; Betty Merle Parish, Sumrall; Helen Pierce, Columbia; Betty Jo Pigott, Tylertown; Clara Sellers, Hattiesburg; Gayle Shelton, Hattiesburg; Jackie Shipp, Rome; Betty Stevens, Hattiesburg; Allene Walters, Moselle.

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### LUTHER RAY LANE

Funeral services for Luther Ray Lane, 65, were held at the New Hebron Methodist Church with Rev. J. B. Watkins and Rev. W. Lowery Compere officiating. Interment was in the New Hebron Cemetery.

He was the brother of J. E. Lane, treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Mr. Lane, member of a prominent Lawrence County family, died at the V. A. Hospital in Gulfport at 6:00 a. m. Wednesday after a long illness. He was the son of the late L. M. Lane and Mrs. C. B. Curtis of New Hebron. He was a World War I veteran and had been a patient in the Gulfport V. A. Hospital since that time. He was a member of the New Hebron Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother; two brothers, J. E. Lane of Jackson; Jesse Lane of Prentiss; two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Los Angeles, California; Miss Mary Lane, Louisville, Kentucky; and several nieces and nephews.

## 50 MISSION VOLUNTEERS AT GOLDEN GATE

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—One fourth of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary students, or 50 out of the 200 attending the seminary, are overseas volunteers. This was the announcement made on the seminary's second annual missions day.

The student body heard Dr. Samuel E. Maddox, personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board say, "Make no mistake about it; God is ready to move, if we dare to believe." He pointed to the need of sacrificial service in all fields. He said, "We need men who will claim a nation for Christ, who will say, as John Knox said, 'Give me Scotland or I die or give me Brazil or Italy.'"

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### MRS. W. G. RASBERRY

It is with most sincere gratitude that the W.M.U. of Soso Baptist Church announces that recently chimes were installed in loving memory of one of its faithful and loyal members, Mrs. W. G. Rasberry who passed on to her reward April 31, 1948. Mrs. Rasberry devoted her life for the good of humanity and the up-building of the community, and in thinking of her as such a valuable asset to church and community during her lifetime, we could think of no sweeter way to honor Mrs. Rasberry and her wonderful works other than installing chimes to ring out soft music to echo in the stillness of the night—in storms and in the bright sunlight—that we might be reminded of a faithful steward in talents, time, devotion and gifts to the Lord, of one whom no storm clouds of hatred, prejudice, and selfishness overshadowed but one who always saw a silver lining and looked to God's divine guidance to light her pathway and His merciful love to enlarge her heart.

Mrs. Rasberry, affectionately known as "Miss Virgie" was indeed a noble character, always faithful, willing and ready to carry on further the Kingdom of God in music, in W. M. U., in Sunday School, Training Union and all church activities and in any community program for the welfare of the community and to help those in need, the sick and bereaved. Her passing was such a great loss to Soso Baptist Church, community, and Jones County, but her influence lives on in our hearts as we try in our feeble effort to carry on the big task she so sweetly and beautifully rendered in witnessing for Christ.

As "Miss Virgie" peacefully sleeps beneath the sod, she lives on in our lives as an unforgettable character by donning her loyal apparel in righteousness, and in making her personality as beautiful and loving as possible, that she might fulfill her Christian duty in carrying on a great work for the Lord. Her loving smile, kind words spoken as floral offerings lifted and enlightened a multitude of saddened hearts in sickness, in trouble and in death.

As we lift our voices to God in thinking Him for the beautiful life of this devout Christian, may we be prayful as the chimes ring in her loving memory that we may carry on the great work where she left off.

Truly she was one of the greatest Christian workers of Soso and in thinking of "Miss Virgie" we think of Proverbs 31:10-31, for indeed, she was a loyal mother, companion and friend who could be called "blessed."

MRS. WALTER W. WELBORNE  
Soso W. M. U.

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CHICAGO, ILL.—AS COMPARED with non-abstainers, eight distinct classes of insured users of Alcoholic Beverages reflect mortality more than three times the expected rates, according to the conclusion reached in the most extensive study of insured drinkers since the repeal of prohibition, reports the American Business Mens' Research Foundation.

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MR. J. EARL MEAD

Mr. J. Earl Mead, Minister of Education, of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and of which church Dr. Wallace Bassett is the pastor, is the dean of all these workers in the South, and certainly one of the most outstanding to be found anywhere. His work is recognized far and near as being exceptional in his field.

We are so glad to welcome Mr. Mead to his first Mississippi Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on March 13-14. He will have two periods of one-hour each (one on each day) before the entire Convention on the subject of Sunday School Administration.

No person among us is more capable of giving the best of help in this vital phase of Sunday School work than is Mr. Mead.

Surely, surely, our General Superintendents, and other administrative officers, will be right there to get the benefit of all the good things awaiting them from this widely recognized leader in the field of religious education and administrative leadership.

Mark the date now and plan to attend this Convention. We believe you will like the program we have planned for you. Our people deserve the best, and we try to give it to you in our Convention personnel.

### JUST THINK OF IT ! ! !

We have never had it on this fashion before. We were surprised, but happily so. Well, over what?

This: Through the first four months of this year, only 11 associations had not reported Sunday school Training awards. That is the best record ever in that time. Let's make it 100% early.

### NOW IS THE TIME

Yes, sir, now is the time for that Vacation Bible school clinic.

And that means it is the time for getting a good start on having this year the very best Vacation school you have ever had.

There are two kinds of schools: Good ones and better ones. Any school is a good one; but we want better ones, and not just good ones.

So, an associational Vacation Bible school clinic early will be a fine way to have better schools this year. Some associational leaders have already planned their clinic; others will have them a bit later.

But, don't wait too long. The time is getting by rapidly.

And remember, we now have the FREE package of Vacation Bible school

promotional literature, and this will be gladly sent on request.

### WANT OVERNIGHT ENTERTAINMENT?

Those wanting overnight entertainment in homes for the state Sunday School Convention, March 13-14, may get same for \$1.00 per person per night by writing the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Please do this at once, and not wait until arrival in Jackson. That may be too late.



MRS. WILL S. McCRAW

Mrs. Will S. McCraw, superintendent of Extension work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct these conferences at the Mississippi Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, March 13-14.

In the few years that Mrs. McCraw has directed the Extension work in our Southern Baptist Convention territory it has grown most phenomenally. She has given an impetus to it that has placed this important department of our work on an equal basis with the other departments. It has come to mean something worthwhile in the minds of Sunday school people generally.

Our Extension workers over the state will certainly not let this great opportunity pass without taking full advantage of it. So, plan to be present and get the good help from Mrs. McCraw.

### MISSISSIPPI THIRD IN STANDARDS

For the first four months of this Sunday school year, Mississippi stands third among all the states in the total number of Standard units, with only Florida and Georgia ahead of us.

We are certainly grateful to the many workers who have helped so splendidly in this good record. We have an increase of 92 over the same period last year.

Why not check up on your school, department, class and see where you stand on these important points? Standards will be gladly sent on request.

Remember: Standard Units are Better.

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ATLANTA, GA. — (BP) — DR. Charles W. Daniel, 76, prominent in Baptist life for many years and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, died at his Atlanta home February 4 after an extended illness. A native of Monticello, Ark., Dr. Daniel was graduated from Union University (Tenn.) and from Southern Seminary (Louisville) in 1896. He had an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Ouachita (Ark.) and Doctor of Laws from Union University.

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### PEREGRINATIONS

Recent meanderings (or peregrinations) have taken us to our State Evangelistic Conference here in Jackson, the Miss. College Focus Week, to Co-Lin. Jr. College, to Daniel Memorial Church here in Jackson and to Southwest Jr. College. The Evangelistic Conference, despite almost impossible weather, brought many spiritual blessings. The week at Miss. College, when about a dozen great Christian leaders shared the wisdom and experiences God had given them, was a red-letter week in our experience. At Co-Lin we had the privilege of visiting briefly with Pastor Felton Barnes, of the Wesson Church, and other student leaders and at Southwest Jr., of being with Student Sec'y Betty Hubbard and the students in noon-day prayer meeting and Greater Council meeting.

### POTPOURRI

Delta State BSUs recently saw one of their number dedicate himself to be a foreign missionary. . . Campus reports reveal eight unsaved at Pearl River, Jr., 23 at E. Central Jr., one at Miss. College, 51 at Jones Jr., two at Blue Mtn., five at MSCW. . . Nineteen students and 35 Summit people dedicated their vocations to the Lord at the concluding service in the Summit Church of Southwest Jr.'s recent Vocational Emphasis Week. . . Miss. Southern BSU recently had impressive Ridgecrest emphasis, suffered the death of their Y. W. A.

### HICKORY GROVE ORDAINS FOUR AS DEACONS

Hickory Grove Church in Lauderdale County ordained four as deacons in January. They are W. H. Little, Harry Barr, Hiram Solly and Robert Clay.

The Rev. R. H. Cherry, pastor of Key Field Church, preached the ordination sermon, and J. L. Rasberry, Hickory Grove pastor, led the prayer.

Harry Barr has been elected as chairman. Serving with these four are V. B. Ratcliff and F. A. Rawson.

### 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

50, 40 AND 25 YEARS AGO  
By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

#### 50 Years Ago

The debt on the First Church of Jackson was finally paid in full which, with the interest from the time it was begun in building in 1891, amounted to \$40,313. The church house cost \$31,433; the lot \$3,500; the interest \$5,380. The money was contributed as follows: Sale of old church, \$3,500; from Kell's Bequest, \$1,000; contributions by the members, \$11,789; Home Mission Board, \$7,200; from Baptist churches from over the state, \$16,823.

Student W. R. Cooper tells of his past year's work with his churches—Liverpool and Providence, in Yazoo County and Carraway 34 miles from Jackson.

#### 40 Years Ago

Pastor W. A. Hewitt of Columbus writes to welcome the Baptists of the state to the Sunday School Convention.

#### 25 Years Ago

The Sunday School attendance at the Clinton Church on the previous Lord's Day was 475.

Missionary H. H. Harris and wife and six children plan to sail for America by way of Europe on May 25.

The South Side Baptist Church, McComb, ordained Mack Jones to the full work of the gospel ministry. He is a younger brother of Rev. C. C. Jones and Rev. R. R. Jones.

Counselor, Mrs. E. V. Bridges; Co-operated in Southern's Rel. Emp Week when Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Methodist minister of Detroit, was the speaker. . . Miss. College students gave \$315.49 to the work of the Lord, saw four join the Clinton Church last month. . . Total student offerings from Miss. State last month were \$207.60. . . College pastors, we hope you are planning to be with us for the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 6-13. Write us for info and read the Miscellany. . . Be praying for the unsaved and witnessing to them. . . State Retreat for BSU officers program plans are shaping up. Pray. . . "The Challenge of BSU", playlet to be used at the Retreat was used in a church service by East Central Jr. BSUs very effectively last Spring. . . Woman's College BSU reports 75 tithers. . . Please keep us informed about correct addresses for the Miscellany and let us have other names and addresses, of people in service and others. . . Pastors, we hope you'll schedule a Youth Revival in your church. We should be glad to suggest a team of workers for it. . . Volunteers for Student Summer Missions must apply before March 10. . . Be praying for our Student Secretaries Seminar and the State Religious Education Association meeting at Clarke next week. . . Plans for the simultaneous Religious Focus Weeks at Blue Mtn. and Clarke look mighty good. . . One E. Central Jr. student joined the Decatur Church last month. . .

### MRS. ALICE VIRGINIA SCOTT

On January 21, 1951, God, in His infinite wisdom saw fit to release Mrs. Alice V. Scott from her worldly cares to her heavenly home.

Mrs. Scott was a consecrated Christian and worker in the Marion Church, and could always be found at her post of duty, loyal to God, her church, and her fellowmen.

She was an active worker in the W.M.S.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express to her family our sincere sympathy as we share with them in their great loss. We commend them to the all wise God who ever cares for His own.

Respectively submitted,  
MRS. R. B. GREEN, President  
Marion W.M.S.

### —BR—

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Jackson County Association. The type is an easy to read size and is clear. Next year's session will be held with First Church, Pascagoula and with the Ocean Springs Church on the second day. Rev. Zeno Wells is the moderator and Rev. W. L. Warren is the clerk.

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## Southern Baptists And Social Security

By DR. WALTER R. ALEXANDER  
Executive Secretary  
Relief and Annuity Board

Are there any distinct advantages to be enjoyed by those who participate under Federal Social Security that they cannot secure within the retirement plans of the denominational Board? Yes, there are.

What are these advantages, and are they of such great value that participation under Social Security is justifiable because of them, in spite of any and all objections that may come up in the same package?

There are two distinct advantages offered by Federal Social Security that no denominational pension board can offer.

### Freedom of Transfer

One is the absolute freedom of transfer of one's place of residence or one's type of employment, or of both, afforded the individual under Federal Social Security. Once a person has become a participant, he or she may live wherever he enjoys the protection of the Stars and Stripes, and pass from one type of employment to another at will. Obviously, such privilege of transfer cannot be as liberal under any denominational plan. The benefits offered by any denominational board are designed for employees of that particular denomination. The retirement plans are subsidized by that denomination, and they could not be expected to dissipate such trust funds in covering individuals after they have left denominational employment. The retirement plans of the Southern Baptist Convention, operated by its agency, the Relief and Annuity Board, can offer full benefits to those only who retain a salaried relationship to the denomination. There is offered ample freedom of transfer within the denominational life. Every week, because of change of type of service, men change from the Ministers Retirement Plan to participation in the Baptist Boards Employees Retirement Plan, or from the Baptist Boards Plan to the Age Security Plan, etc., etc. But there is some inevitable loss sustained by that individual who works today for a Baptist organization, and tomorrow for some secular business concern or other type of work outside the denominational life.

I repeat the statement made previously: Federal Social Security offers a distinct advantage here. There are lay workers employed by our hospitals and by our educational institutions, for instance, not Baptists. They feel no particular sense of a divine call to the task they are doing. Tomorrow they may be employed by a hospital of another denomination, or a secular institution, or by some business organization that hasn't the faintest connection with Southern Baptist life. Social Security offers such individuals something they cannot secure elsewhere, and there is some valid reason for certain of our institutions to consider making possible such coverage to their employees as the Federal Government has now made available.

However, it should be noted here that this advantage is not as important as some might think, as it is an advantage that will never apply in thousands of cases. Employees of our churches remain in the denominational life, except in rare instances. The same is true of employees of our denominational boards and other agencies. They seldom leave for the employ of any other denomination or for some other secular pursuit. Thus, there is no particular advantage to our local churches to place their lay employees under Social Security, nor to our general boards, state boards, and other groups within the denominational life. On the other hand, there are decided disadvantages in so doing, yet to be discussed in this series of articles.

### The Bait That Lures

The other distinct advantage Federal

## Perkinston Progresses, Installs Hammond Organ

The Perkinston Church has shown much progress during the past sixteen months, under the leadership of Pastor B. Aaron Foy.

The church has advanced from a half-time to a full-time program. The debt of approximately \$1,000 on the pastorium has been paid. Two Sunday school rooms have been redone on the inside. Two rest rooms have been added.

A garage wash-house combination has been built just behind the pastorium.

A Hammond organ was purchased in January. The salaries of the Pastor and BSU Secretary have been raised. Gifts to missions and outside causes have more than doubled.

There have been 85 to unite with the church, 27 were baptized. One young man has been licensed to preach, Ace McVay, and on February 18, 1951, two new deacons were ordained, Grady Blackwell and Randle Dedeaux. Both the enrolment and attendance in Sunday School, Training Union and W. M. U. have greatly increased.

Social Security offers is another no denominational pension board can meet. It is the ultra-liberal old age pension payable under Social Security to those already well advanced in years who participate and retire after only eighteen months of "covered service." All pension plans, of course, denominational or otherwise, must proceed upon sound actuarial bases, and the old age pensions payable bear a direct relationship to services rendered and dues paid. Uncle Sam has access, however, to almost unlimited financial reserves out of which to pay old age pensions that bear no actuarial relationship to the dues paid in. Those reserves are the public treasury, refilled by public taxation. Thus, the subsidy paid out of public tax money, however well intended, becomes a bait that lures, and, as such, is fraught with many dangers.

There are Baptist churches now beginning to participate in Social Security, ostensibly to do a gracious thing by their aged janitor. After a short period of such participation by the church and covered employment by their janitor, he can receive a fairly liberal old age pension. Thus, lured by this bait, they actually palm off on Uncle Sam (all of us) what is their own responsibility as an employer of labor, and should have been discharged by them through the years that are gone in a manner worthy of a Christian institution that seeks to serve and does not asked to be served. In order to cover him, they must cover at least two thirds of their employees, and thus they provide certain of their employees with a coverage not nearly as good as these individuals could secure through their denominational agency.

The same trend is on in other denominational groups. It is a disturbing fact, and one that should give us pause. Churches, denominational Boards, and denominational leaders should be the last to say—even to think—"It is going to be spent anyway, so I might as well get mine." The present trend, if not curbed, will destroy some of the finest traits of American, yea Christian, character. Those who would corrupt our self-reliance with governmental gifts are our most dangerous friends. The only way to stop governmental extravagance is for each one of us to give his own pet project for governmental aid. Then, too, it is as true today as it ever was, that you cannot accept government money without opening the way for government dictation.

There are many sides to this matter of our denominational servants participating in Federal Social Security. Many other matters remain to be discussed in subsequent articles. Let us look carefully before we leap.

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

### ASSOCIATIONS PLAN MEN'S RALLIES

The following associations have advised us of their intention to hold Baptist Men's Rallies in connection with the Evangelistic effort.

Copiah will meet March 5th at First Church, Crystal Springs with H. C. Sivells of Texas as the speaker. Covington, March 5th, at Salem Church, with B. H. Benton as speaker. Greene, March 5th, at McLain Church. Gulfcoast, March 5th at First Church, Gulfport with Roland Leavell as the speaker. Jeff Davis, March 5th at Prentiss with Joe Bartlett as the speaker. Jones, March 6th, at Soso Baptist Church. Lee, March 5th at Harrisburg, with H. R. Holcomb, Speaker. Leflore, March 5th at Money, with Harry Lee Spencer as the speaker.

Marion, March 5th, at First Church, Columbia, with John Oakes as the speaker. Walthall, March 5th at Salem Church with Dallas Wallace, speaker. Wayne, March 13th at Pleasant Grove. Yazoo, March 5th, First Church, Yazoo City, with Ray M. Dykes as the speaker. Lowndes, February 20th at First Church, Columbus, with Lawson Cooke of Memphis, as the speaker. Lamar, March 12th, Sumrall Church, with A. S. Newman of

Louisiana, as the speaker.

### BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Many of the Brotherhoods in the state are sending us monthly reports of their activities. Every Brotherhood should. We are listing some of those activities below:

Northside Baptist, Jackson, holding regular prayer services on Sunday morning at 7:00 o'clock, sponsored visitation night January 15th, helped with the Religious City Census, January 28th.

Southside Baptist, Meridian, had supper meeting of Brotherhood and their wives with Dr. Paul Horner as speaker. Missions and County Home T. B. Hospital.

First Baptist, Cleveland, reports were received from all committees which showed progress. The Evangelistic Committee is making progress in its plans for Cottage Prayer Meeting.

Thirty-eighth Avenue, Hattiesburg, Bible and prayer, helped out in arrangements for pastor's funeral.

Eighth Avenue, Meridian, conducted services at County Home once each month.

## Nichols Ordained At Southside, Jackson



REV. CALEY RAY NICHOLS

Caley Ray Nichols was ordained to the full Gospel Ministry on February 11, at the Southside Church, Jackson.

Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of the Southside Church, brought the recommendation of the ordination council, composed of Mr. Valentine, Rev. L. G. Sansing, Rev. W. L. Compere, Dr. Harold Basden, Rev. R. R. Newman, Rev. Chester Moulder, Rev. Jimmy Yarbrough, Deacon Abram L. Roberts of Westview Church, Jackson, and Deacons Louis J. Seal, R. D. Russell, Thomas James, L. W. Everett, Walter T. Cooper, Thomas Hegwood, T. B. Barnett, and Gene Cook of Southside.

Mr. Compere, pastor of Northside Church, Jackson, read the scripture. The sermon was delivered by Mr. Moulder, pastor of the Pine Grove Church,

Simpson County, of which Mr. Nichols is a former member. The Rev. Jimmy Yarbrough, Westview pastor, Jackson, led the ordination prayer.

After the laying on of hands, Dr. Basden, Calvary Church, Jackson, delivered the charge. A Bible was presented on behalf of the church by Rev. R. R. Newman, Elrairie Church, Jackson, and the ordination certificate was presented by Rev. L. G. Sansing, Crestwood, Jackson.

Mr. Nichols is serving as pastor of the Escatawpa Church, Escatawpa, Alabama. He is married to the former Marie Nance of Philadelphia, and both are students at Clarke College.

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CLINTON—DR. D. M. NELSON, President of Mississippi College, has been invited to deliver the *Tharp Lectures* at the New Orleans Seminary, February 21-22. The subject for the series is "The Preacher from the Layman's Viewpoint."

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## Sparks &amp; Splinters

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE Baptist Building were: Rev. Sammie Crawford, Hazlehurst; Rev. W. M. McGehee, Summitt; Rev. and Mrs. J. F. McCrary, Lyon; W. E. Wood, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Polk, Jackson; Rev. Robert Foy, Clinton; Rev. Billy Roby, Canton; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Liberty; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. Roe Wilson, Summitt; Rev. G. E. Guntharp, Vicksburg; L. O. Coggins, Jr., Nettleton; S. G. Pope, Lake Providence, La.; Rev. Paul Z. Ball, Brookhaven.

Rev. Lewis V. Wells, W. C. Ward, Ross Powell, W. C. Powell, David Wells, Michael Wells, Lewis V. Wells, Jr., H. D. Burke, David Warrington, Charles A. Collins, Edwin P. Powell, Julius Stewart, Harold Berry, Geraldine Powell, Howard Eady, Frank Thornton, Harold Brown, Tommy Warrington, Sondra Burch, Jerry Williams, Shellie Taylor, Jennie Finch, Dot Thornton, Eleanor Owens, Mary Ann Bryant, Roberta Ann Williams, Joy Talbert, Melba Lewis, Betty Faye Layton, Betty Evelyn Burch, LaNelle Sudbeck, Mrs. N. C. Finch, Mrs. Geo. McGowan, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Harvey Brown, Mary Sue Grown, Martha McGowan, Dorothy Burke, Winnie Burke, Flornell Sudbeck, Mrs. Ross Powell, Bunny McGowan, Rose Mary Burns, Mrs. L. V. Wells, Mrs. E. E. Stewart.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the 109th annual session of the De Soto County Association. The minutes consist of 14 pages, plus a folded page in the middle giving statistical information. Several charts are included, one of which shows whether the state paper is in the budget. Only one charge is answered "no." Rev. Grant Clark is the moderator and Rev. H. C. Clower is the clerk.

AMARILLO, TEXAS —(BP)— ONE hundred sixteen new members in three days! This was the record set in a recent week-end revival at First Baptist Church here. One hundred thirteen of these came on Sunday and 68 were candidates for baptism. Dr. Carl E. Bates is pastor.

DR. MONROE F. SWILLEY, JR., who was recently extended a call by the First Church, Shreveport, has announced that he will remain in Atlanta, Georgia, as pastor of the Second-Ponce de Leon Church.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Riverside Association which met at Tunica. The minutes are attractively prepared and the material is well presented. The printers did an equally good job. We note that the statistical chart carries an item showing whether the state paper is in the budget of the church. Although information on all churches is not complete, only three reply negatively. Miles Earnhart is the moderator and Miss Eunice A. Sandlin is the clerk.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH IN LA-fayette recently installed butane gas, opera chairs, added celotex to the walls of the present building, erected four new Sunday School rooms, painted wood work inside and out, and built two permanent rooms where curtains have previously served. Pastor J. L. Courson has served for eight years.

A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE Newton County Association has been received in the Baptist Record office. The minutes give complete information and are well prepared. Especially helpful is the map of the county on the back of the cover. It shows the roads and location of all churches in the county. Rev. Lewis A. Curtis is the moderator and Rev. John W. Cook is the clerk.

DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS, there have been 156 additions to the Maben and Mathiston churches, more than half of which were by baptism. Rev. Geo. W. Mosely is the pastor.

## THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS

been sent to President Truman: "New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary faculty and staff of 37 persons, and student body of 611, coming from 28 states and six foreign countries, vote unanimously deploring any consideration of an ambassador or presidential personal representative to the Vatican, since such an appointment would be direct violation of separation of church and state and will cause violent internal controversy in our nation in time of national crisis. Signed: Roland Q. Leavell, New Orleans Seminary."

THE LIBERATION OF LIFE (\$1.25) contains seven addresses by Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, Washington, D. C. Five of these concern religious freedom and the last two describe the deliverance of the soul from the fear of death and the frustration of ignorance concerning the hereafter. Faith in Christ as preached by evangelical Christians is magnified. Published by the Broadman Press, orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

RECENTLY, THE FIRST CHURCH OF Philadelphia, Mississippi, Dr. N. Q. Geer, pastor, donated 75 opera chairs, which were removed from their auditorium, to Clarke Memorial College.

ALTHOUGH HE SERVED AS PASTOR of four churches—Maben, Mathiston, Old Cumberland in Zion Association, and Fellowship in Choctaw—Pastor George H. Moseley has led each church in getting its crusade lined up, contacting an evangelist, having study courses and cottage prayer meetings in preparation for a revival during the Simultaneous Crusade. In addition to these preparations, he has served as organizer for both Oktibbeha County and Zion Association and reports all churches lined up in Oktibbeha County and 21 out of 31 already ready in Zion Association.

JANUARY RECEIPTS THROUGH the Executive Committee office were \$1,417,548, compared with \$1,238,794 in the same month in 1950.

LAST SUNDAY GASTON AVENUE Church, Dallas, Texas, observed the 24th anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. W. Marshall Craig. Dr. Craig's ministry has carried him all over the south during these years. A part of the celebration was the presentation of a new automobile.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, FEB. 10 — MISS Perrin Turner, Marks, student at Blue Mountain College, has won the award by the Cleveland Rubber Company, Cleveland, Ohio, which is made annually to the student in each college in the nation who makes the highest grade in freshman chemistry for the first semester.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF DR. C. S. Thomas will be interested to know that he has been invited by the First Church, Leesburg, Florida, to work with them a few weeks in the absence of a pastor. Dr. Thomas plans to stay in Leesburg until the spring.

REV. AND MRS. J. THOMAS TOLAR of Calvary Church, Silver Creek are announcing the arrival of a son, Danny Roy, born February-9. John Thomas, Jr., also welcomes the little brother.

REV. CLAUDE HOWE HAS ACCEPTED the pastorate of the Linn Church in Sunflower County and will begin his work on March 1. By that time he and his family will have moved into the parsonage. He succeeds Rev. W. Martin Smith, who accepted the Carrollton pastorate.

"TEN MILLION G'S HAVE LEARNED to know and like BEER much earlier than they would have as civilians. For five years there has been no need to 'sell'. UNCLE SAM HAS BEEN YOUR SALES MANAGER AND THE BEST YOU EVER HAD."—Statement made by Kenneth Laird, advertising man, to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio, February 7, 1947, reported in BREWERS' JOURNAL, March, 1947.

## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER  
March 5-9

## MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN

Glenn Ford was one of the Home Board's summer student workers in 1949 and 1950. He served in one of the unchurched communities in Tucson. In a letter he says:

"Recently we concluded a week-long census of a small new housing area in southeastern Tucson. We visited over 500 homes, and it was pathetic to find that only about 10 per cent of the people were active Christians. Most of the parents said they belonged to a church before moving to Tucson, but hadn't taken the trouble to unite with the local church.

"Miracles still happen. Six children were converted in vacation Bible school in the little town of Aricopa, Arizona, in the summer of 1949, in that community. Last summer we found a flourishing mission almost ready to begin a church building. Instead of having to search for workers to help us with the school, we found a group of adults anxious to do what they could."

This is an outgrowth from the Annie Armstrong Offering.

HOME MISSIONS MEAN  
WORLD MISSIONS

The Rev. and Mrs. Loring G. Markwood, missionaries in San Antonio, Texas serving among the Chinese, are doing a very effective work. Dr. Redford quotes from a letter received in late December.

"On the twenty-sixth of November we observed a day of fasting and prayer which did our people much good. They really got under the burden for lost souls, and prayed as I've never heard them pray before. Consequently we have

seen twice as many souls saved in the past two months as we had all last associational year. One man who has for some time had an indifferent attitude, came back to the Lord, and has been faithful since.

"Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has passed the \$140.00 mark, for which we thank our Lord.

"We have moved the back partition to make more seating possible. We have also sanded and refinished the floor. We seated over 200 people for our Christmas play."

That this Chinese mission church gave over \$140.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering is fine. Isn't this proof that home missions are really world missions?

## BLESSINGS AND NEEDS

The Home Mission Board recently purchased property in San Pablo, which is right close to Richmond, in the San Francisco area of California. Rev. and Mrs. Jose Diaz are the missionaries on this field. Brother Diaz wrote:

"The Southern Spanish Church here in San Pablo, California, had wonderful services at Christmas and New Year's. We had just moved into our new building that the Home Mission Board bought for us, and we are all very grateful to the Lord, to the Board, and of course especially to the missionary spirit of the people that made the Board's gift possible.

"After a week or so of prayer, we are going all out, with God's help to start a revival. We beg the prayers of all who read this. Pray that the Lord will give us the increase in this very young work."

## GLIMPSES OF GARAYWA



## MISSIONS!

## "THE MISSION OF CAMP GARAYWA IS MISSIONS!"

GARAYWA WAS BORN WITH A MISSIONARY PURPOSE; it continues to thrive on MISSIONS. We like to think that MISSIONS also grow because of Garaywa. The Mission Offering, a total of \$3,835.43 during the past four years, is one expression of the missionary element at camp. Another contribution to missions is the decision during these four years of more than 515 campers to give their lives in special service as "Ambassadors for Christ."

WHAT MAKES CAMP MISSIONARY? The presence of MISSIONARIES, for one thing. We seek to have at least two in every camp... a home missionary and a foreign missionary. Besides that, there are nationals from other lands. These students are wonderful missionary influences. Margaret Fund students (sons or daughters of missionaries) have helped to create a missionary atmosphere at camp.

All of these special guests and speakers have a vital share in making camp missionary. But just as important is the part played by EACH STAFFER AND HELPER who serves by the week or throughout the summer. They are not missionaries; most of them have never been to a mission field... but THEIR HEART KNOWS MISSIONS, and they express it in their routine responsibilities.

THE CAMP PROGRAM IS MISSION-CENTERED. You have already read of the Mission Study class each day, as well as the missionary message. Each week there are also mission movies... usually sound, some in color, all of them interesting and informing. Ranks and Forward Steps, missions through music, visits with mission-hearted people... all of these help to make Camp Garaywa MISSIONARY.

(Camp information to be continued each week in this column.)



## — MUSIC DEPARTMENT —

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### SONG LEADERS NEEDED FOR EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Many requests for song leaders and evangelistic singers to lead in the revivals of the Evangelistic Crusade March 25 through April 8 are being made. Our attention has been called to the fact that the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has made it possible for music students to engage in revivals during the Crusade. Churches needing singers would do well to write or telephone the Music Department of the Seminary for available help in music.

Mr. Evans Germillion, a native of Mississippi, and a resident of Jackson, desires to help in singing in some church during the Evangelistic Crusade. Mr. Gremillion is now a music student in the Southwestern Seminary, and any church desiring his services will contact him there.

If you know of good song leaders and evangelistic singers who might be available for the Crusade, please send the names to the State Music Department and a list of the names will appear in this column.

### ORGANIZE THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE CHOIR

Many of the churches are already training a special choir for the Crusade. If your church has not organized such a choir, you will desire to do so right away. This choir should be made up

of adults and young people. A special registration should be made for this choir, and a promise of faithful attendance to all rehearsals from this date to the beginning of the revival, and to be in the choir for all services during the revival should be secured. Singing for the Glory of the Lord is the only reason for personal participation in any choir. Then, a choir sings to lead the people into a spirit of WORSHIP, and to lead lost people to accept Christ, also to warm the hearts of the people that they may be ready to receive the preached work.

Much preparation before the revival should be made. There will not be much effective singing, if advance preparation and planning are not made. The song leaders along with the pianists, organists, and pastor should hold several conferences, study the hymnal to be used, and select a large number of fine evangelistic songs and hymns to be used during the revival. A revival theme song can be used effectively. Remember, the note of evangelism must be the center of the music planning.

The song leader will seek the leadership of the Lord in the music program. A very heavy responsibility rests upon the music leaders, as there cannot be a great revival in any church without great singing.

## REA To Have Annual Meet February 28

The fifth annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will be held at Clarke College Newton, February 28-March 2. Officers serving this year are: Bill Watson, Houston, president; S. A. Salter, State College, vice-president, and Miss Julia Mae Martin, Laurel, secretary-treasurer.

The theme of the program is "Building Better Churches." Registration will begin on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Supper will be served in the college dining hall, and the first session will begin at 7:15 on Wednesday night. Other sessions will be Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, Thursday night and Friday morning. The meeting will adjourn following lunch on Friday.

Personalities on the program include: Rev. Chester L. Quarles, Rev. Riley Munday, Bill Lowe, Dr. W. E. Greene, Miss Louise Cartledge, Mrs. J. R. Massey, Charles W. Horner, Alton B. Yarbrough, Wallace Parham, Dr. Norman O'Neal, W. Otis Seal, Leon Walker, Miss Lucy Greer, Miss Julia Mae Martin, Mrs. Genevieve Day, Miss Ethel McKeithen, Mrs. E. C. Edwards, Miss Myrtis Foster, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, W. C. Morgan, H. B. Youngblood and Mrs. Sibyl B. Townsend.

### NORTH CENTRAL PASTORS TO MEET MARCH 5

The North Central Pastors' Conference will have their next meeting on March 5.

Rev. H. W. Freeman will lead the devotional and Rev. James W. Fairchild will bring the main address of the morning, "Let's Get Ready for the Revival."

Following lunch, Rev. J. B. Laney will lead the devotional and Rev. Percy Magee and Rev. Carey Cox will lead the Bible Study Period, teaching John 14 and 15, and John 16 and 17, respectively.

## PASTOR C. O. ESTES CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Pastor C. O. Estes of Canton celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Center Terrace Church on February 4. The celebration was an eventful one with three foreign missionaries taking part for one week. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris of China taught classes and lectured, showed pictures and gave recordings concerning our work in China.

On Sunday night, February 11, Miss Minnie Landrum, Executive Secretary of Baptist W.M.U. of Brazil spoke to the church at the regular preaching hour.

During the five years, 129 members have been received by baptism and 61 by letter. \$4,386 have been given to missions by the church. \$56,308 has been raised for all causes. The pastor's home has been renovated and enlarged and a new church constructed which seats five hundred in the sanctuary, with facilities to care for four hundred in Sunday School. The indebtedness of only ten and a half thousand dollars is scheduled to be paid at the rate of one thousand dollars per year.

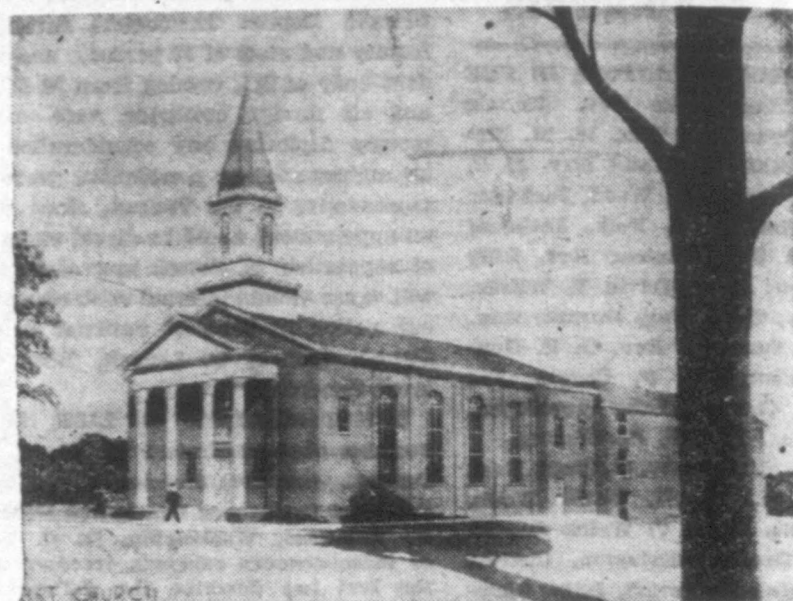
### Southside Organizes Chapel Hill Brotherhood

A Brotherhood was organized at Chapel Hill Church in Hinds County by the Brotherhood of the Southside Church, Jackson, in January.

Dick Boyd was elected president and Clyde Fisher, secretary and treasurer. Rev. W. E. Palmer is the pastor.

Members of the Southside Church taking part in the program were: Rev. S. W. Valentine, J. C. Landrum, D. R. Bankston, Ben Purvis, Buster Hill, Earl Hammons, R. D. Russell, Wallace Fields, W. A. Fields, George Phillips, R. W. Embry, Don Landrum, Gene Buckelew, Gene Cook, Thomas James, Bill Landrum, Archie Fields, Sr., Archie Fields, Jr., James Arnett, Chester Cook and R. T. Hegwood.

## Proposed Plant Of First Church, Summit



Work on the beautiful \$75,000 First Church, Summit, is now underway and a campaign of bond sales with which to finance its erection has been launched. The building committee is composed of J. I. Hurst, chairman; J. W. Blackwell, W. B. Tennyson, Mrs. Joe Kirchner, and Mrs. J. T. Lilly, Jr.

Rev. Roe Wilson, pastor, states that of the \$40,000 bonds issued under the Broadway plan, approximately \$30,000 have already been sold. The Broadway plan emphasizes ownership of the bonds by church members. Members of the Finance Committee, who organized the sales campaign, are Gordon Covington, Jr., chairman; H. F. Reeves, J. I. Hurst, J. E. Fortenberry and Marlin Magee.

During the sixteen months of Rev. Wilson's pastorate, there have been 58 additions to the church. The church membership is at an all-time high, now totaling 456.

The church annex which will become a part of the new edifice, is now being

used for all meetings. It was begun during the years of Rev. Happy White's ministry in Summit and was dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. N. F. Davis.

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**SALEM CHURCH IN LAUDERDALE** County had an average attendance of 50 during the recent study course taught by the pastor, Rev. Jewel Golman. The text book was "The Bible and Prayer," by Dr. R. G. Lee.

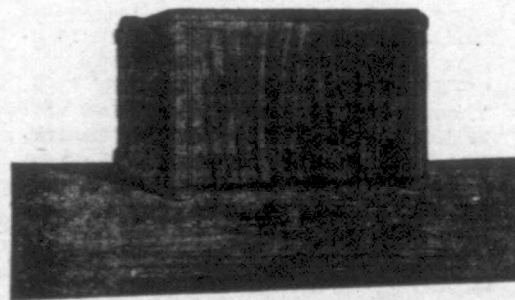
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## Sunday School Lesson

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February 25

GOD THE FATHER BEARS WITNESS  
Mark 9:2-50; Matt. 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36.  
TO JESUS.

### I. TIME, PLACE, CIRCUMSTANCES

It was late in our Lord's earthly life, when He had withdrawn from the work of itinerant evangelism. He is now confining His teaching largely to His disciples.

The scene of the transfiguration is thought to have been Mt. Hermon. The name of the mountain is not given in the Bible, but Hermon seems to be the only one in all the country that answers to the demands of the narrative. Hermon is above 9,000 feet high, and is near enough to Caesarea Philippi to be easily accessible.

Up in this region, our Lord is alone with His disciples. He has brought salvation to His people and their leaders have refused it. He has offered safety to Jerusalem and the city of the Great King has refused it. He has walked in the majesty of the King of Righteousness into the temple built for the dwelling place of the God of Righteousness and the consecrated leaders of God's chosen people have marked Him for slaughter.

He has realized all this, and has set His face to meet it. In this situation He chooses the three of His disciples who form the inner circle of His dearer friends and ascends the Mountain of Prayer. Did He know what was going to occur up there on the hoary head of Hermon?

### II. SEEKING THE FATHER'S FACE

How? In prayer, of course. It was thus that our Lord did always when in the great crisis of His life. He knows the need of strength for the test of the hour, of wisdom for the choice of the best. There is no point in preaching here, but one might ask whether the manner in which the Lord of Life sought succor in His times of trial might not be the best for those who profess to be His followers.

### III. THE HEAVENLY VISITORS

From the eternal abode of the blessed they came, these heroes of old—Moses and Elijah. And carefully and fully as a proud mother would prepare her loved child for the coming of treasured and honored guests, His Father prepared the Son for the coming of these princely men. "As He was praying, the fashion of His countenance was altered" (Luke 9:29); "He was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun" (Matt. 17:2); "And His garments became glistening white, as no fuller on earth can whiten them" (Mark 9:3).

Now the spirit of Jesus, always supreme, changed His body and raiment and made them fit for the reception of the friends from heaven. It was not simply an idle interview intended to pass a lonely half-hour away. The three of them together had things to say to one another. They, "Spake of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). The rich content and wonders of the atoning death were the subject of that conversation.

### V. REACTION OF THE DISCIPLES

The glory that crowned the scene was too much for the eyes of Jesus' three friends, so they were overcome by a deep sleep. But as their drowsiness passed with their slightly becoming accustomed to the light, they saw and in some measure understood the meaning of the august scene. Then Peter, thinking as always that something ought to be said and not knowing what to say, said it and, as usual, said wrong. Poor old Peter never learned while His Lord lived that it were better for one to keep his mouth shut and let the Lord talk than to blab away and say something



## How To Prepare For The Crusade

By ROBERT HUBBARD

I AM VERY, VERY DEEPLY CONCERNED FOR THE WELFARE NOT ONLY OF THIS, OUR OWN COUNTRY, BUT OF MANKIND THE WORLD OVER.

My first suggestion, therefore, to every Baptist minister, is that you examine your own life under the X-ray of God's Word, and through microscopic reading and study of it, and prayer, to determine whether or not you are really God's man. See Matthew, 7:15; Matt. 23; Jeremiah 23.

Second, may I suggest that in preparation for the revival each of you bring home to your members, that is, your own church members, the tragic and awful reality of sin. Mark begins his Gospel with these words, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," and then goes on to relate, as each of the other Gospels do, how John the Baptists was sent as a forerunner to prepare the way of the Lord. Now the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news of the plan of salvation and redemption which God Almighty, through Jesus Christ, prepared for all men who will believe. In other words, as the Apostle Paul said, "God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world unto himself." Now the substance of John's ministry was that he, without that he had better left unsaid.

### VI. THE FATHER SPEAKS

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17:5).

1. God's witness as to Jesus' identity. "This is my beloved Son." Jesus is the Son of God, the only begotten Son of God. How do I know that? God said so, and I'll take His word against that of every blatant infidel of earth or in hell.

2. God's witness as to Jesus' innocence and excellent character. "In whom I am well pleased." Jesus had lived in the world, man and boy, for more than 30 years, and always, even as you and I, He had lived in the sight of the Lord God Almighty. He had watched Jesus grow up, had watched Him wax into manhood and assume the tasks of the head of a family and provide for that family with the fruits of the toil of His hands and in the sweat of His face. Now at the end of Jesus' life, the Father says of Him, "I am well pleased."

3. God's witness as to Jesus' authority. "Hear ye Him." This witness is an imperative. God is commanding men to submit to the authority of Jesus as supreme teacher of the truth of God, to hear Jesus as the prophet of God, to submit to the royal commands of Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Here is no room for private opinion in matters upon which He has spoken. If He says "Go," you do it! If He says "Make disciples," do that! If He says "Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," do that, always remembering that WHAT He says you and I are to hear and do. Hear ye Him on every subject on which He speaks, knowing that He has the words of life for all people and for all time. His is the right to teach, His is the right to the loyalty of His people, His is the right to interpret the will of God, His is the right to rule in every department of the life.

fear or favor, courageously and fearlessly warned the people and showed them that they were living in sin.

How can the good news, the Gospel of Jesus Christ be good news to a sinner who does not realize the frightful and awful consequences of sin? He must be awakened to a realization of the terrible wrath of God that rests upon those who reject Jesus Christ, and who are living in sin, before he can appreciate the good news; before he can realize that he is lost and needs the good news. In other words, a man must be brought to a consciousness of his state before the redemptive power of Jesus Christ becomes good news to him.

So, in preparation for your revival, you not only need continuous, earnest, fervent prayer, but you need, in my opinion, to awaken your own members to a consciousness of the awfulness of sin. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins," said Isaiah of old to the people of God.

You must, if you are to succeed to the glory of God and the good of men, and possibly to save America from a catastrophe from within, fearlessly bring home to the people the reality of sin and the fearful consequences thereof. Paul well said, "The love of money is

MACON, GA.—(RNS)—A "VIGOROUS fight by telegram" was launched here by a group of Georgia Baptist ministers and laymen to persuade the state legislature, now meeting in Atlanta, to pass several bills sponsored by the Georgia Temperance League. Baptists assembled here for a conference on evangelism heard Dr. James W. Merritt, executive secretary for Georgia Baptists, propose that at least 1,000 telegrams be sent to the state capitol during the three-day meeting. So great was the flow of messages that a telegraph company dispatched a special corps of clerks to the meeting site to handle them.

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the root of all kinds of evil," and while there are many sins, vile, abominable sins that this country suffers from and is being enslaved in, yet covetousness and greed is the most blighting, devastating sin, outside of forgetting God and forgetting to give Him thanks and praise and honor, that this country suffers from.

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I take food from the mouths of babies that father and mother may have me. I take the keen intellect of the young man and turn him into a dullard. I take away the beauty, modesty, and self-respect of the sweet young woman. I drool and dribble down the chin of the old man, making him an object of loathing. I give to my subjects an odor and stench more abominable than that of goats and skunks. I litter and befoul every cafe, hotel and other public building in our land. I enter the quiet precincts of the hospital to fill this place of supposed cleanliness with my offal and the air with my obnoxious odor. I enter the train, the bus, and all other public conveyances: and woe be to the person who is not a slave. I burn his eyes; sear his lungs. I befoul his clothes. I befuddle his brain. I make his travel an unforgettable nightmare. I am not content just to rule my own subjects. All must feel and know my power. I AM KING TOBACCO. If you doubt my strength, try to break the nicotine chair by which I have you bound. I am TOBACCO!

—The National Voice  
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**THE HOUSTON CHURCH, WILLIAM G. Watson, pastor, has recently adopted a goal of \$3,000 to be raised over and above regular contributions during 1951 for the Building Fund which now totals approximately \$6,800. A committee composed of Harry Vickery, Sr., Jack Chensault, Dr. G. C. Armstrong, and Raymond Johnson, Sr., has been appointed to study the building needs of the church.**

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## Crusade Prayer Plan Va. Pastor Proposes

NORTON, Va.—(BP)—George Euting, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, has suggested that Southern Baptist unity could be greatly strengthened if the churches in the East would request specific churches in the West to pray for them during the Eastern Simultaneous Crusade.

He says, "The idea is to unify the Convention in this Crusade by asking each church west of the Mississippi to sponsor some church in the East through a prayer program. For instance the First Baptist Church, Dallas, could sponsor the First Church, Richmond, by holding special prayer programs for the success of the campaign. Or a church like the First Church, Dallas, could have its Adult Sunday School Department sponsor a church, the Young People's Department could take a church.

"My suggestion is that each church in the East write to some church in the West and ask the membership to pray especially for the 1st. The Eastern churches could write some particulars such as the number of prospects, the rallies, the visiting evangelist, or any other concerns that need prayer.

"This plan of prayer will be a mighty force in determining the success of the campaign."



Shown above are the kings and queens of the departments in the Training Union Sweetheart Banquet at First Church, Brookhaven. Reading from left to right, front row: Nursery Story Hour, Ronny Burch and Lynn Riggs; Primary Story Hour, Danny Owen and Ruth Carolyn Youngblood; Junior Training Union, Bobby Boling and Jane Smith (Jan Clark was elected queen in the Junior Department, but was ill; therefore the runner-up was crowned); Beginner Story Hour, Walter Jeff Nettles and Gardine Smith; back row: Intermediate Training Union, Tommy Denman and Edna Frances King; Young People's Training Union, Albert Ray Leggett and Nellie Brock; Adult Training Union, Mrs. W. T. Ware and Mr. Ware.

This was the third annual Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by the Training Union of Brookhaven's First Church. An interesting program and a delicious menu were enjoyed and Dr. Howard Spell, Dean of Mississippi College, thrilled the banqueters with a message on "Some Sweethearts of the Bible."

## Change Southern Seminary Conference Date

### San Francisco Pastors Organize For Convention

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—Southern Baptist pastors in the San Francisco Bay area are beginning early preparations for the coming Convention in San Francisco June 20-24.

The Bay Area Ministers and Missionaries Conference met at Golden Gate Seminary, January 22, to formulate preliminary plans for the Convention. Over fifty pastors and missionaries were present in the meeting in which Dr. S. G. Posey, new state executive secretary, was the principal speaker.

The chairmen of local committees were also present at the conference and participated in the planning.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 29—Instead of its annual March Pastor's Conference Southern Seminary will have a Summer Conference this year, July 23 to August 3. Thirty-five apartments will be available for families of not more than two children; 100 rooms will be available for married couple; and 100 rooms for individual men attending the conference.

Refresher courses will be offered in Old Testament, New Testament, theology, philosophy, church administration and pastoral counselling. There will be conferences on the city church and the country church, led by experts in these fields. The lectures will be held in the morning and there will be a worship service and preaching hour each night. The afternoons will be left free.

## Roman Catholic Repudiation of Civic Clubs Is Latest Wall Against An Unfanatical World

By DR. J. M. DAWSON

In the opinion of many eminent churchmen, when the Roman Catholic Pope pronounced the unreasonable, superstitious dogma of the bodily assumption of Mary, the Roman Church erected one more barrier between it and the rest of the Christian world. In the judgment of any informed citizen, when the Roman Church announces that it is the only Christian group fighting against Communism, it commits an inexcusable error based on arrogant, or worse—ignorant—assumption, because it is common knowledge that the most effective forces against Communism in the whole world are Protestant. The latest wall which the Roman Church has erected between itself and an unfanatical world is its repudiation of Rotary and other civic clubs.

There is little surprise that laymen among the Romanists in America, even many prelates affected, have been shocked. In all free lands these clubs are distinguished for their democracy, fraternity and broad community cooperation. It would appear that the hierarchy's adverse decree is based on fear of exposure to democratic ideas and prac-

tices, or else is a refusal to have nought to do with any organization it cannot control. A lamentable aspect of this strange action by the Romanist authoritarian church is its smear of the noble Masonic order. These, and other dictatorial acts by the hierarchy, may explain the growing abandonment of the Roman Church by multitudes of its priests and laity.

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## Arizona College Relocated in Phoenix

PRESCOTT, Ariz.—(BP)—Grand Canyon College will move to Phoenix. This decision was reached at a special meeting of the college trustees here, January 25. The time of the move and the specific location in Phoenix will be decided at a later date.

President Leroy Smith states that the school will finish the current year in Prescott, and that summer school may also continue here. The school will probably move to Phoenix for the opening of the fall semester of 1951.

The trustees said, "The main reason for this is the fact that the Baptist people throughout the state have never been sold on Prescott as a location."

Other factors were as follows:

1. The feeling that the college should be located near the center of population in the state.
2. The trustees felt that greater opportunities for a larger student body were to be found at Phoenix, and that the larger business area would provide more opportunities for student employment.
3. Operational costs per student will be greatly reduced in Phoenix.

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## Baptists to Buy Beer

By DR. HUGH A. BRIMM  
Executive Secretary, the Social Service Commission

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